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METHOD, PRODUCTION PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE  
AND METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

S I R:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2008.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.

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